



Girton Glebe Primary School

Newsletter



10th November 2023



It's been another busy week here at Girton Glebe, and this week we have been focusing on Remembrance.

Kicking off the week with a whole-school assembly about the importance of Remembrance, we have been looking at the significance of the poppy and paying tributes to those that have given their lives in conflict, both past and present. Check out Lime Class' lovely poppy display on the archway into their classroom, using a variety of mixed media including: pencil, felt tips and oil pastels. The children in Lime also wrote their own acrostic poems around the theme of Remembrance, and it's been great to see lots of similarly reflective work around the school, too!



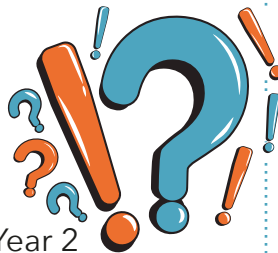
Our wonderful choir also joined Year 6 this year for our annual visit to St Andrew's Church, to pay our respects and lay our school wreath at the local war memorial. More details on this in next week's issue!

Read on for this week's headlines...

Chris Butler
Headteacher

Guess The Teacher!

Did you guess? Last week's teacher was **Miss Burnet**, our Year 2 teacher who loves dogs and poetry and can speak Polish! Here are this week's clues:



Before teaching, I've had many jobs including as a teaching assistant, in a psychology lab and on archaeological digs.

I love cooking and baking. And have a ridiculous number of recipes books - over 50 (and counting...!)

I am a keen long-distance runner and have run several marathons for charity.

Read next week's newsletter to see if you've guessed correctly!



Celebration Assembly

Well done to all of the children below who earned a certificate in this week's celebration assembly!

Ash: Eliza & Theo
Maple: Felix & Ilyas
Birch: Honey & Thomas
Lime: Lavanya & Theo
Cherry: Katie & Ted
Willow: Matthew
Oak: Phoebe & Violet

Target Dance Open Evening

Interested in joining a new dance class? **Target Dance & Performing Arts School** are expanding and coming to our local area! Join them on their open evening on 3rd January and see the adverts at the end of the newsletter for more information.



Travelling by Tuba!

The whole school were very lucky last week to have a visit from the fabulous and very entertaining duo **Travelling by Tuba**, who took us on a musical journey around the world in 60 minutes. They entertained everyone with a whole school performance which began with a traditional Hungarian Dance. We then visited the Egyptians and their Ocarinas, the Chinese Priests and their Dragon Headed Trumpets; we marched down the Appian Way accompanied by the sound of the Roman Cornu, followed by a quick stopover in the Swiss Alps, revealing the first mobile phone: a 1,000 year old 3.6 metre Alpine Horn. With music from every continent, this was a real Global Extravaganza!

Some lucky children were also asked to join in during this fantastic show and all classes were fortunate enough to have a workshop later in the day, too. Key Stage 2 learnt an amazing Samba and the school was filled with music and fun all day! **A huge thanks to FOGG for funding this amazing experience for the children - everyone loved it!**



Willow Class Update

Poetry

In Guided Reading this week, we have been diving into the captivating world of the classic narrative poem 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. Through discussions and creative exercises, we've uncovered the poem's rich themes of love, sacrifice, and tragedy which have helped us in constructing our own exciting narrative poems based on short stories. It has been really interesting hearing everybody's predictions about the story and learning about its unique poetic language and features.

In English, we've explored the world of odes - lyrical poems that allow us to express our deep feelings or admiration for a subject. Our subjects for these odes have been as varied as burgers, Neymar and guinea pigs, providing a very fun and diverse canvas for our creativity!

Earth and Space

In Science, we've embarked on an exciting voyage through the solar system, not only learning the order of the planets and creating our own (sometimes hilarious) ways of memorising these in order, but also starting to delve into the fascinating history of thought about our celestial neighbours.

In order to appreciate the vast size of the planets in our solar system and the huge distances between them, next week we will be heading outside armed with a peppercorn, a cherry tomato, a football and much more! Watch this space... (Get it?!)



House Points

Well done to everyone in **Green House** this week for being our House of The Week! Here are this week's totals:



193



187



162



144



Children in Need – Spotacular Non-Uniform!

Next Friday, 17th November, is Children in Need! We will be celebrating this across school as part of our PSHE theme 'Celebrating Differences' and in conjunction with Anti-Bullying week. Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform, wearing something spotty where possible, and to bring a donation of £1 for this brilliant cause. We look forward to seeing lots of colourful outfits and raising lots of money next week!



Chance to Win – Comic Relief

This year, Comic Relief are thrilled to have Amazon on board as official partner and as the home of the official red nose and we are offering you a challenge. This November, why not get involved in our amazing Unlock A Smile Challenge, delivered by Amazon Pickup and judged by Sir Lenny Henry?!

Not only will a winning design from each age category appear on two Amazon Lockers (like this picture of Lenny Henry), but the winning artist will also receive a good bag crammed full of Red Nose Day treats and the winner's school will receive £1,000 in Amazon gift cards!

How it works:

Entering is as easy as 1,2,3...

1 Head to comicrelief.com/amazon/unlockasmile

2 Grab a piece of A4 paper and draw your wildest, boldest ideas that bring to life what makes you smile

3 Scan and upload your design [here](#).

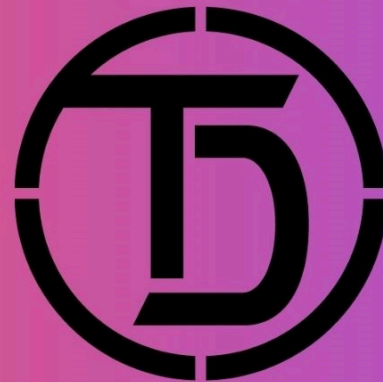
The competition closes on Friday 24th November. Be as imaginative, bold and original as you can. We are looking for silly pictures, happy pictures, pictures filled with colour and love and anything to unlock a smile and spready some joy! Good luck!



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3RD JANUARY 2024

JOIN US TO TRIAL CLASSES AND MEET OUR TEACHERS!

JUNIORS 5.15-6PM

SENIORS 6.30-7.30PM

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Upcoming Dates

12th November

FOGG Sunday Afternoon Film

13th 17th November

Anti-Bullying week

14th November, 13:30 - 15:00

Open Afternoon

15th November

Years 3-6 Cross Country Competition

17th November

Children in Need Day

18th November, 14:00 - 16:00

FOGG Christmas Fair

23rd November, 09.00

Cherry Class Assembly

24th November

Inset Day

5th December, 14:00

KS1 Production

7th December, 09:00

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11th December

Christmas Church visit

13th December

FOGG School Disco

14th December, 09:00

Ash Class Nativity

18th December, 18:00

Christmas Carol Concert

19th December

Last Day of Term